17TH ANNUAL HIBISCUS SHOW IN HAWAII

The 17th Annual Hibiscus Show of Hawaii was held at the Ala Moana Park pavillion on June 1st. The show was sponsored by the Hawaiian Hibiscus Society and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Hideo Asato captured two top honors in the show. His entry won the best-in-show ribbon and top prize in the orange-color category. The bloom was named "Aina K. Keawe".

August and Adele Miller walked away with most of the remainder of the awards. They took first and second place in the best pink, with "Betty Paterson" and "Dorothy". Their best splashed was a bloom called "Burr Phillips". The best yellow was called "Charles Crane", the best white was called "Kathy" and they also took two specials, "Mila Matson" a yellow and orange, and "Martha Fleming" a pink.

Arthur Nagao took the best brown with a bloom called "Charlene Nagao".

There was also a creative writing contest with hibiscus as the theme for a brief essay or poem held in conjunction with the show.

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DELAND CHAPTER DISBANDS

The American Hibiscus Society has suffered a great loss. The members at the Annual Meeting learned that the DeLand Chapter had decided to disband and call it quits.

The following letter (in part) was sent to the Executive Secretary and the President of the A.H.S.

Dear Jimmie,

It is with sadness that I write this letter.

At the meeting of the Deland Chapter of AHS held last night, June 24th, after considerable discussion, it was decided and voted, that because of continued dwindling interest and attendance, that the DeLand Chapter would withdraw and disband.

This matter had been discussed last year at the time of the Chapter's decision to cancel the Show, but was dropped and decided to keep on, work harder, and see what time would bring. A show was planned for this year at Lake Helen, and some of the arrangements had been made for it. With the coming of the May meeting when the subject of dues and election of officers was brought up, this matter of "going on or not" was brought up again. It was finally decided there was no use to try to continue and if such was to take place, it would be better to take the step now before the next fiscal year.

I believe there are several reasons for this covering a period of around two years. When we first joined the Chapter there was enthusiasm and good attendance. Then there were several deaths of members and the remaining husband or wife would drop out. The death of Uncle Bertie Esterdahl was a big loss to our Chapter. Age and sickness have caused some of best workers to drop out. Lastly, there was the bad freeze of last winter.

Sincerely yours, Wilbur Arp.

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